



# Town of Bayfield

**Comprehensive Plan Working Group Sub Committee Work Session**

**Monday, April 10, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**1199 Bayfield Parkway – Bayfield Town Hall – Boardroom**

1. **Recreation/Environment/Agriculture Work Session**
2. **Public Input:**
3. **Adjourn**

*Rules of the Work Session: This is a work session between the Comp Plan Working Group and Town staff. During the “Public Input” portion of the work session, the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.*

# Recreation

Continue to implement the 2017 Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Master Plan (POSTR)

- Update the 2017 Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Master Plan from time to time as needed to ensure that it adequately meets the needs of the community.
- Complete the projects identified and prioritized in the 10-year parks and recreation outlook outlined in the 2017 POSTR Master Plan, and continually update this list as part of the POSTR updates.

Develop and maintain a system of parks and recreational facilities that adequately serve the needs of the community.

- Prioritize needed improvements to parks and incorporate them into the Town's annual budget process.
- Find funding for and implement the Joe Stephenson Park Plan.
- Find funding for and construct a new indoor recreation facility.
- Provide recreation facilities that are consistent with local standards and National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA) guidelines.
- Embrace and encourage the use of areas outside the Town limits for recreational purposes including Sauls Creek National Forest and Vallecito Reservoir.

Create a long-term sustainable funding source for future parks and recreation facilities, programs and projects.

- Explore the use of sales tax, lodgers tax, creating a recreation district beyond Bayfield's Town limits, or other funding opportunities.

- Evaluate the Town's cost to run recreation programs and special events and make sure the adopted fees continue to remain appropriate for those services.

Develop and maintain a system of multi-modal trail networks around Bayfield.

- Connect park amenities, recreation facilities and residential neighborhoods with a trail system to improve access and use among residents and visitors.
- Utilize trail systems as a recreational amenity and transportation facility.
- Improve river connectivity and access throughout the community for fishing, boating and other recreational activities.

Require new developments to provide parks and recreation facilities for their new residents.

- Work with developers of new subdivisions to make sure they provide space for new parks and open space.
- Update the Park Land Dedication acreage and impact fee requirements, and the Park Facility impact fees regularly as needed based on level of service standards and new growth needs.
- Require new developments to provide multi-modal trail networks throughout their project with linkages to larger community trail networks and recreational amenities.

Undertake sustainability measures for long-term maintenance of park and recreation facilities.

- When possible, park sites should maximize water retention and reuse for landscape irrigation.
- Facilities requiring irrigation should have automatic, underground systems that maximize water efficiency.

- Where parks abut the Los Pinos River or other waterways, safe interaction with the waterways should be practiced.

## **Environment**

Discourage development within environmentally sensitive areas and mitigate impacts as necessary.

- Map the Town of Bayfield's watershed area and understand what development and natural impacts may effect the watershed area and conveyance system to ensure a safe, clean and quality raw water supply.
- Identify areas where development should be discouraged such as:
  - Flood hazard areas
  - Wildlife habitat areas
  - Unstable soil/geologic areas
  - Steep topography areas
  - River and stream areas
  - Wildland and forested areas where fires are a concern
  - Wetland areas
  - Archeological/historic resource areas
  - Scenic resource areas
- Establish a River Overlay District that further limits development, and specifies setback distances from the river, types of structures and construction which may occur within that district, and other standards which are intended to preserve the natural river corridor.

Work with the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District to keep the Wildland Urban Interface map updated and implement measures to reduce the fire risk to the Town of Bayfield and surrounding areas.

Create Oil and Gas Regulations in the Bayfield Land Use Code.

# Agriculture

Promote and share Bayfield's agricultural heritage.

- Develop strategies to protect and diversify Bayfield's agricultural economy.
- Inventory agricultural products and services local farmers can provide.
- Encourage partnerships between the school districts and local farmers and ranchers to provide food to schools.
- Support a location for a year-round farmers market.
- Encourage local agriculture properties to have farm to table culinary options for local restaurants.
- Establish and embrace Bayfield's reputation as a supply town and social center for area farmers and ranchers.
- Enhance the equestrian heritage of the area.

Protect prime agriculture lands for agricultural uses and reduce development pressure in areas based on:

- Soil types
- Water availability
- Topography
- Conservation easements or other financial support

Create an Agriculture Zoning District in the Bayfield Land Use Code

Create educational, recreational, and food support opportunities around Bayfield's agriculture heritage and businesses.

- Pine River Shares Food Insecurity programs
- Farm to School programs
- Farm to Table programs
- Table to Farm zero-waste programs

- FFA/4H programs
- Internships
- Summer programs
- Farm Coops
- CSAs